

Chapter 5



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Andrew Ward/Conway School of Landscape Design

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A Public Involvement Summary

Effective conservation begins with effective community involvement. To ensure that our future management of the refuge considers the issues, concerns, and opportunities expressed by the public, we used a variety of public involvement techniques in our planning process.

- We compiled a mailing list of approximately 75 organizations and individuals to ensure that we were contacting an array of interested parties.
- In January 2007, we distributed a planning newsletter that introduced the public to the Service and the refuge, described the purpose of a CCP, and explained the planning process.
- On February 7, 2007, we held a public scoping meeting in Peterborough, NH, to identify public issues and concerns, describe the planning process, and explain how people could become involved and stay informed about the process. We announced the location, date, and time in the local newspaper, on our planning website and through special mailings. Twenty-six people attended.
- On March 6, 2007 we held our second public meeting, where we presented our preliminary management alternatives. Participants had the opportunity to share any comments, issues, or ideas about the alternatives and the future of the refuge.
- In November 2007, we distributed a conservation planning update summarizing the alternatives in detail and updating our planning time frames.

Refuge Partnerships

Federal Agencies or Programs

- U.S. Forest Service, Forest Health Protection Program

State Agencies

- New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
- New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development

National Organizations

- The Nature Conservancy

Regional or Local Groups and Organizations

- Monadnock Conservancy
- Friends of the Wapack

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